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SUBJECT:SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FSL TRAINING PROGRAM

1. SSA PLANS TO SPONSOR A TECHNICAL TRAINING AND PROGRAM ORIENTATION COURSE FOR SELECTED FSL'S EMPLOYED IN FEDERAL BENEFITS UNITS AT ADDRESSEE POSTS. SIX-WEEK CLASSES AND ORIENTATION SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN SSA DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND SEPTEMBER 9 THRU OCTOBER 18, 1974.

2. SELECTED PARTICIPANTS SHOULD HAVE CURRENT EXPERIENCE WITH AND DEMONSTRATE INTEREST IN FEDERAL BENEFITS WORK. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THIS ACTIVITY FOR SEVERAL YEARS AFTER RETURNING TO POST. BASED ON PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH MESSRS. BRETT AND DUDAK, SSA WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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LIKE TO INCLUDE TWO FSL'S FROM GERMANY AND ONE EACH FROM

IRELAND, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, NORWAY, AND SWEDEN. FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED: BJORG BECK - OSLO, BER COLLINS - DUBLIN, ALFRED DIWOK - FRANKFURT, ALDA STONTOS SILVA - OPORTO, DARIN STROMGREN - STOCKHOLM, GERTRUD TIEDEMANN - HAMBURG.

3. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT EMPLOYEES INDICATED IN PARA 2 TO CONFIRM THEIR ELIGIBILITY AND AVAILABILITY FOR TRAINING PROGRAM DURING DATES MENTIONED. DEPT AND SCS SHOULD BE ADVISED OF TRAINEES' TRAVEL PLANS AND DATES OF ARRIVAL IN U.S. SO THAT INDIVIDUALS CAN BE MET AT AIRPORT.

4. THE DEPARTMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A THREE-DAY BRIEFING PERIOD DURING THE SIX-WEEK TRAINING SESSION WHICH WILL PERMIT THE FSL'S TO CONSULT WITH OFFICERS OF OTHER AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON.

5. ALL TRANSPORTATION, PER DIEM, AND RELATED TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAM IN BALTIMORE WILL BE BORNE BY SSA. POSTS WILL BE ADVISED LATER OF THE APPROPRIATE ALLOTMENT AND APPROPRIATION NUMBERS. POSTS SHOULD HOWEVER, HANDLE THE ISSUANCE OF TRAVEL ORDERS, TICKETS, TRAVEL ADVANCES, AND FINAL VOUCHERING.

6. LUMP-SUM TRAVEL ADVANCE COVERING FULL SIX WEEKS SHOULD BE PAID TO TRAINEES BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM POST. IF ANY POST HAS A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS AN FSL IS PERMITTED TO RECEIVE AT ONE TIME DUE TO FOREIGN CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS, BALANCE OF TRAVEL ADVANCE SHOULD BE MAILED PRIOR TO TRAINEES' ARRIVAL IN U.S. TO FOLLOWING ADDRESS: MR. COOPER BAREFIELD, TRAINING COORDINATOR, ROUTE 2, BOX 38, DEERPARK ROAD, FINKSBURG, MARYLAND, 21048. IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR HEW OR DEPT TO ADVANCE FUNDS TO FSL'S WHILE IN U.S.

7. POSTS SHOULD NOT ARRANGE TRAINEES' TRAVEL ON FLIGHT TICKETS BEARING ROUND-TRIP EXCURSION TIME LIMITATIONS.

8. ALL FSL'S PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAM MUST OBTAIN FULL UNCLASSIFIED

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MEDICAL AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE FOR PERIOD OF TRAINING PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN BALTIMORE. INSURANCE COVERAGE MUST BE VALID OUTSIDE COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE. INGERSOLL

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